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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-9 are pending in the above-identified application.

Claims 1-4, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (AAPA). Claim 1 is amended to include.

... a stopper **bonded with an adhesive** to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit ...(Emphasis added).

Basis for these amendments may be found, for example, in the specification at page 8, lines 8-11. The adhesive could be, for example, applied by itself or in adhesive tape form.

The Official Action states that the stopper (9,11) at Figs. 9-10 and 12-13 of AAPA is disposed on the reverse surface of the magnetic circuit. (Office Action, page 2, lines 13-14). Figs. 8-10 show a conventional transducer. The transducer includes a terminal 10. Terminal 10 is folded inward to constitute stopper 9. Figs. 8-10 show the stopper 9 at different states. Fig. 8 shows the stopper 9 away from the transducer before it is bent. Figs. 9-10 show the stopper 9 contacting the transducer after it is bent. When a force is applied, the stopper 9 bends toward the transducer. When the force is removed, the stopper 9 bends back to the position shown at Fig. 8. (Page 2, lines 1-11). Figs. 11-12 also show the transducer described above in Figs. 8-10 assembled in a portable telephone unit. Thus, the stopper 9, shown at Figs. 8-12 of AAPA, is not "...bonded with an adhesive to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit."

Fig. 13 shows another conventional transducer. The transducer includes a stopper 11. The stopper 11 is, however, formed integrally with the same resin when a frame is molded through injection. (Page 3, lines 22-23). Thus, , the stopper 11, shown at Fig. 13 of AAPA, is not "...bonded with an adhesive to a reverse surface of the magnetic circuit." Thus, claim 1 is allowable over the art of record. Claims 2-4 and 7 depend from claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2-4 and 7 are allowable over the art of record.

Claim 9, while not identical to claim 1, includes features similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1. Thus, claim 9 is also allowable over the art of record for reasons similar to those set forth above with regard to claim 1.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this Application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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